

Roswell Road Access Management Plan Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is this a study or an actual project for the future?

A. The final plan will include a phased list of projects, costs, and other implementation guidance for helping the City of Sandy Springs achieve its ultimate vision for the Roswell Road corridor. To implement the plan, the City will need to obtain funding first.

Q. Where can I find copies of previous meeting presentations and plan documents?

A. All materials from the plan will be posted on the City's webpage: www.spr.gs/accessroswell. This site will also include links to interactive online maps during public input periods.

Q. How long will the planning process take?

A. The Roswell Road Access Management Plan is scheduled to be completed by October 2022.

Q. Roswell Road is a state highway. How is the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) involved in this plan?

A. GDOT is a partner with the City and participates in the ongoing project team meetings. Both parties are interested in improving the safety and operations along the corridor. GDOT will also provide input on the proposed alternative and implementation plan.

Q. Who is involved in the stakeholder meetings and how are stakeholders determined?

A. The stakeholder groups include commercial property owners, organizations representing vulnerable corridor users (including pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, elderly, children, and those with mobility challenges), public safety officials, and members of the business community. The property owner stakeholder list was assembled through GIS analysis of properties that touch Roswell Road. The business community group is made up of the leaders of various boards, including the Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber and Leadership Sandy Springs.

Q. Is the City engaging commuters from nearby communities who drive on Roswell Road?

A. The City of Sandy Springs Communications Department publicizes public meetings and online feedback tools through many channels. The Roswell Road Access Management Plan encourages participation from neighboring communities since the plan impacts all who travel along Roswell Road.

Q. How does this plan relate to the Trails Master Plan, ongoing transportation projects, and other transportation studies?

A. The City has many ongoing plans, studies, and projects focused on transportation. Information from other projects and studies are used to inform this planning effort so that this plan will not have any conflicting recommendations. City staff across several departments are kept informed about this plan and can incorporate recommendations from this plan when possible.

Q. Does this plan consider sidewalk width and buffering sidewalks from Roswell Road?

A. This plan will refer to the recommended sidewalk walk width and landscaped buffer width from the Roswell Road Small Area plan and Sandy Springs Technical Manual.

Q. Are bike lanes on Roswell Road and its connectors being considered?

A. Yes, bike infrastructure will be considered as a potential treatment.

Q. How will both the construction and the eventual completion of the plan recommendations affect businesses access?

A. The planning team is working closely with property owners and the business community to discuss how potential solutions may affect future access. There will be no construction as part of this planning process. As plan recommendations become funded projects in the future, the construction impacts will be managed as part of the design and construction phases. The City will reengage potentially impacted businesses during the design and construction phases.

Q. If a median is installed on Roswell Road, restricting left turns at certain locations, have U-turns at adjacent traffic signals been considered?

A. There will be a traffic operations analysis as part of the plan. This analysis will model impacts of increased U-turn movements at traffic signals and identify locations for median openings.

Q. Would this plan potentially take frontage and parking lot space from existing properties?

A. More detailed analysis and design work will be needed after this planning effort is completed. The City will work closely with the impacted businesses during the design phase of projects.

Q. Beyond October 2022, how long will it take to implement the plan?

A. The plan will identify short-term, mid-term, and long-term solutions. It is likely that the City will be able to tackle some of the short-term improvements in the next five years, but long-term solutions that rely on redevelopment will take more time.

Q. How can safety concerns be addressed more immediately?

A. There will be some short-term recommendations that can be implemented in the near future.

Q. How can the public stay informed about project updates?

A. If you would like to stay informed about project updates, please email SafeRoswellRoad@sandyspringsga.gov and ask to be added to the list.